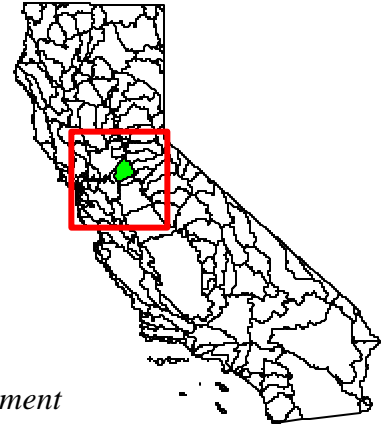


San Joaquin County
Resource Conservation District
Lower Cosumnes & Lower Mokelumne River Watershed

Amount Funded: \$37,500

Match Provided: \$12,500

Additional Funding Obtained: \$959,070



Benefits to the Watershed

- *Secured \$957,500 through grants for future watershed improvement projects.*
- *Completed Resident's Watershed Stewardship Workbook to assist residents in reducing non-point source pollution.*
- *Coordinating the Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program and assisting landowners in restoring riparian vegetation.*

Partnerships

The East Bay Municipal Utility District, Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission, NRCS, Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan Steering Committee, Mokelumne-Cosumnes Watershed Alliance, the Lodi Lake Docents, and Future Farmers of America (FFA).

Watershed Coordinator Objectives and Progress

Objective: Reduce non-point source pollution resulting from urban/residential landuses.

- ✓ Met with stakeholders to evaluate watershed issues and opportunities.
- ✓ Completed *Resident's Watershed Stewardship Workbook*, to guide residents of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed in reducing non-point source pollution.
- ✓ Held three outreach events (out of seven planned) demonstrating watershed functions using Enviroscape watershed model and identified approximately 50 individuals and organizations (out of 100 targeted) to participate in implementing best management practices for reducing non-point source pollution resulting from residential activities.
- ✓ Finalizing organization of a demonstration/participation event for high school Future Farmers of America to occur as part of an FFA Field Day.
- ✓ Provided coordination for the Lower Mokelumne River Riparian Restoration Program; assisting three large landowners along the Lower Mokelumne River to restore riparian vegetation.

Performance Measure: Three classroom (K-12) watershed assessment classes held; three local group watershed assessment workshops held; one public agency watershed assessment workshop held; seven pre-education and post education surveys conducted; 100 property owners implementing best management practices for reducing or eliminating non-point source pollution.



Watershed Coordinator demonstrating non-point source pollution model at Lodi Lake Salmon Festival

**Santa Cruz County
Resource Conservation District
Pajaro River Watershed**

Amount Funded: \$77,900

Match Provided: \$26,050

Additional Funding Obtained: (\$37,100 pending final approval)



Benefits to the Watershed

- *Initiated a landowner education and conservation program in 5 Lower Pajaro sub-watersheds (specifically for agricultural land uses).*
- *Helped to reactivate the San Benito RCD, which covers over 60% of the watershed.*
- *Conducted a Farm Tour to facilitate communication between regulatory agencies and landowners.*
- *Facilitated new partnerships between four RCDs and other agencies in the watershed to meet the most urgent watershed needs.*

Partnerships

Loma Prieta RCD, Monterey RCD, UCCE, Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Benito RCD, USFWS, NRCS, Central Coast RC&D, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and San Benito County Farm Bureau (FB).

Watershed Coordinator Objectives and Progress

Objective 1: Develop and maintain a stakeholder database.

- ✓ Database of contacts and programs is developed and updated on ongoing basis.

Performance Measure: Develop database of stakeholders.

Objective 2: Prioritize Pajaro River watershed conservation issues.

- ✓ Interviews being conducted on an ongoing basis with residents/landowners and representatives from local agencies and organizations.
- ✓ Gathered information used to create a watershed needs assessment.
- ✓ Coordinated planning process with the San Benito RCD to identify watershed needs and roles of the RCD and partners.
- ✓ Watershed needs assessment, including a prioritized list of issues, developed on an ongoing basis.

Performance Measure: Establish list of prioritized conservation issues as part of needs assessment.



San Benito County Farm Tour

Objective 3: Promote concept of overall watershed coordination and existing conservation efforts.

- ✓ Held Farm Tour to showcase and promote excellent environmental stewardship on farms in the Pajaro Watershed (San Benito River Sub-Watershed).

- ✓ Pajaro Watershed Newsletter currently in development for January release.
- ✓ Two articles written and published in three Farm Bureau newsletters.

Performance Measure: Develop two newsletters and four articles regarding conservation issues in the Pajaro River Watershed.

Objective 4: Promote cooperation between landowners and regulatory agency staff.

- ✓ Disseminating information to landowners and agencies within the watershed.
- ✓ Coordinating with RWQCB and UC Cooperative Extension to disseminate water quality conservation information to landowners.
- ✓ Partnering with four organizations to promote ranchette conservation program.
- ✓ Coordinating between the RCDs, local Farm Bureaus, and Coalition of Central Coast County FB for landowner outreach.
- ✓ Initiating a landowner education and conservation program with the Santa Cruz County RCD in 5 Lower Pajaro sub-watersheds.
- ✓ One watershed farm tour complete.

Performance Measure: Participate in fifteen meetings and coordinate three tours with landowners/managers and regulatory agency staff.

Objective 5: Develop action plan for permit streamlining

- ✓ Coordinating with Monterey Bay Watershed Coordinator to develop action plan for permit coordination on the Central Coast.

Performance Measure: Develop Action Plan for regulatory coordination effort.

Objective 6: Identify and prioritize watershed improvement projects.

- ✓ Needs assessment and prioritized list of projects in development, to be reviewed and adopted by RCD partners, and completed by June 2002.

Performance Measure: Develop prioritized list of projects.

Objective 7: Seek funding to implement watershed improvement projects.

- ✓ List of funding sources and funding strategy developed on an on-going basis.
- ✓ One grant proposal to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for \$37,100 completed, awaiting final approval.

Performance Measure: Develop list of potential grant sources, develop funding strategy, submit grant proposals, and establish in-kind agreements.

Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District Sacramento Headwaters (Sub-basin) Watershed

Amount Funded: \$44,400

Match Provided: \$19,029

Additional Funding Obtained: \$72,500

Benefits to the Watershed

- *Initiated the formation of the first Upper Sacramento River citizen water quality monitoring group.*
- *Collaborated with Union Pacific Railroad to design and plan a river wide vegetation restoration project.*
- *Facilitated coordination between community and agency personnel to address mitigation efforts at the Cantara Loop site.*

Partnerships

Union Pacific Railroad, Castle Crags State Park, USFS, Audobon Society, Siskiyou County Office of Education, DFG, Cal Trout, Central Valley RWQCB, City of Dunsmuir, DWR, Natural Resource Education Team, Americorps, Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, Sierra Pacific, Scott Valley Wildlife Rescue Center, Cantera Guardrail Taskforce, Shasta Regional Community Foundation, Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Resource Training Center, Dunsmuir Parks and Recreation, and USFWS.

Watershed Coordinator Objectives and Progress

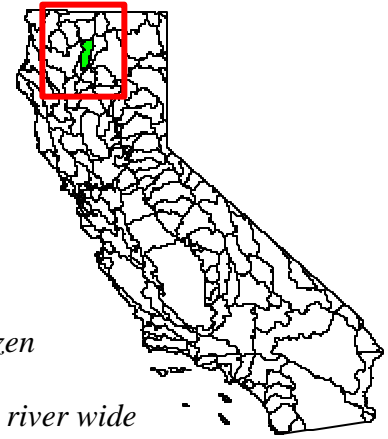
Objective 1: Increase public participation and knowledge of watershed needs.

- ✓ Conducted 49 watershed stewardship presentations for approximately 200 students.
- ✓ Designed a river study facility at Castle Crags State Park.
- ✓ Held a public meeting on the hydroelectric project proposed for the Upper South Fork of the Sacramento River.
- ✓ Organized and facilitated a Birds of Prey public information meeting to educate community about the value of birds and how the public can participate in habitat restoration efforts.

Performance Measure: Track number of sign-ups to CRMP. Track number of sign-ups/attendees at RCD sponsored meetings or hearings. Identify needs, solutions to those watershed needs, and list agreed upon solutions.

Objective 2: Design and facilitate watershed conservation, restoration and stewardship activities.

- ✓ Held 29 restoration and conservation field trips for 605 students.
- ✓ Redesigned and finalized education programs in partnership with the Siskiyou County Office of Education.
- ✓ Expanded a public watershed related reference library at the River Exchange Center.



Upper Sacramento Watershed

Performance Measure: Survey students as to what they learned, or will take home to share. Survey teachers as to their evaluation and effectiveness of classroom presentations and field trips.

Objective 3: Promote and facilitate improved water quality awareness.

- ✓ Worked with partners to identify and prioritize bio-monitoring needs in the watershed.
- ✓ Developed a citizen bio-monitoring program to assess biological and physical habitat conditions of the watershed.
- ✓ Initiated a community awareness and river stewardship program and invited the public to adopt a section of the river. Proceeds from the Adopt a River campaign will go towards community education and watershed improvement projects.

Performance Measure: Numbers of participants, documentation of training agendas and evaluations, article reprints and media coverage.

Objective 4: Promote and facilitate restoration, enhancement, and conservation of resources

- ✓ Worked with local businesses to hold river clean-up. The clean-up involved over 200 volunteers and resulted in the clean up of 36 river miles.
- ✓ Held a volunteer restoration outing at Panther Meadows in partnership with the USFS. 30 volunteers attended to assist with trail erosion control, wildflower seed collection and river clean up.
- ✓ Conducted two workshops at the State of the Upper Sacramento River. Workshops included information on collaborative watershed education, watershed curriculum, and watershed economics.
- ✓ Worked with Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Dunsmuir to design a river-wide restoration project.
- ✓ Helped mitigate the effects of the Cantara Loop guard rail structure by assisting with the actual construction plan. The



Upper Sacramento Watershed, Siskiyou County

watershed coordinator's assistance ensured that the construction will have a minimal impact to the surrounding riparian corridor.

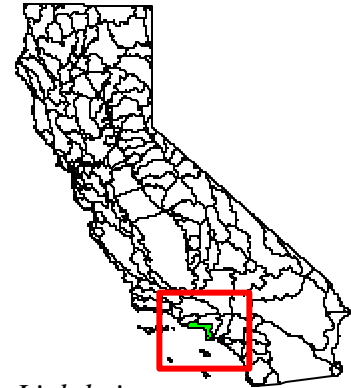
Performance Measure: Track how participation and number of volunteers has increased since previous year.

Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains Malibu Creek Watershed

Amount Funded: \$66,400

Match Provided: \$24,030

Additional Funding Obtained: \$110,000



Benefits to the Watershed

- *Obtained \$110,000 in contributions for production of the Living Lightly in Our Watersheds educational guide.*
- *Worked with new partners to begin development of a Green Map for the Malibu Creek Watershed and the Santa Monica Mountains.*
- *Designed plan to educate officials from all cities within the watershed about watershed health and the watershed council.*

Partnerships

American Oceans Campaign, Isabelle Duvivier Architects, Wetlands Recovery Project LA County Task Force, City of Malibu, City of Westlake, City of Calabasas, City of Agoura Hills, South Coast Wildlands Project, the Bay Project Council, LA River Watershed Council, Heal the Bay, LARWQCB, LA County, Malibu Lagoon Task Force, Las Virgenes Institute, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project, CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, and NPS.

Watershed Coordinator Objectives and Progress

Objective 1: Coordinate Malibu Creek Watershed Council meetings.

- ✓ Coordinator provided support for the June, September, and November watershed council meetings.
- ✓ The coordinator combined subcommittees and reduced the number of committees from 5 to 3.
- ✓ The Watershed Council is now coordinating two watershed restoration projects; including the Rindge Dam Feasibility Study and the Watershed-Wide Monitoring Program.



Malibu Creek, Los Angeles County

Performance Measure: Development of at least 3 on-the-ground restoration projects that will have direct benefit to the watershed as a result of well organized, productive meetings.

Objective 2: Distribute Stable and Horse Best Management Practices manual and video.

- ✓ Worked with Heal the Bay to submit an application for a 319(h) grant (\$300,000) to fund demonstration projects and the re-release of the horse best management practice manual.
- ✓ Developed relationship with local horse community.
- ✓ Created a strategy to educate horse owners. The strategy includes outreach to local feed stores, newspapers, breed organizations, horse associations, trails councils and backcountry organizations.

Performance Measure: Framework for supply of BMP information to 200 additional stable and horse owners.

Objective 3: Watershed outreach to city planners and policymakers.

- ✓ Worked with NPDES contacts from all watershed cities to develop presentations and written materials for all city councils.

Performance Measure: Involve employees and policymakers from 70% of all urban areas in the watershed.

Objective 4: Expand public involvement in Malibu watershed restoration efforts.

- ✓ Completed Watershed Advisory Council logo and letterhead.
- ✓ The Watershed Coordinator is currently developing a “Living Lightly in Our Watersheds – Malibu Creek and Its Adjoining Rural Watersheds” educational guide to be distributed to approximately 50,000 watershed stakeholders.
- ✓ A Malibu Creek Advisory Council website is being developed.

Performance Measure: Public Awareness and/or involvement building in all seven cities of the watershed.

Objective 5: Coordinate restoration, research, and monitoring projects.

- ✓ The Coordinator worked with the council’s monitoring subcommittee to write a \$500,000 EPA Wetlands grant for a watershed-wide monitoring program.
- ✓ The Coordinator is working with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project and Advisory Council members to develop a monitoring database that will be available on the Internet.
- ✓ Held meeting with NRCS “stream team” and the City of Calabasas to determine if the Lost Hills stream bank stabilization site needed further maintenance. Attendees concluded that no further maintenance was needed.

Performance Measure: Get all specified projects underway and secure funding for at least 2 new projects.

Objective 6: Coordinate with other agencies to maximize watershed benefits.

- ✓ Coordinator has collaborated with agencies on several projects including publication of the “Living Lightly” educational guide, the Watershed Council website, watershed-wide monitoring, GIS maps and databases and the Lost Hills stabilization site.
- ✓ Worked with a wide variety of partners to coordinate educational efforts within the watershed.

Performance Measure: Collaboration with agencies in all Council activities.



Malibu Lagoon , Los Angeles County

Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains Topanga Creek Watershed

Amount Funded: \$60,400

Match Provided: \$30,180

Additional Funding Obtained: \$367,000



Benefits to the watershed

- *Coordinated educational program reaching many students and stakeholders.*
- *Removed over 5 tons of trash and 450 gallons of oil from the watershed.*
- *Reduced local bacterial contamination through improved septic/greywater systems.*

Partnerships

CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Caltrans, LA County, Topanga Elementary School, Trout Unlimited, and Topanga Canyon Town Council.

Watershed Coordinator Objectives and Progress

Objective 1: Establish a Watershed Education Program.

- ✓ Held water quality seminar to present information on how to reduce pollution caused by septic tanks. 20 participants reported cleaning up their septic systems and using biodegradable products as a result of the seminar.
- ✓ Held a Topanga Creek clean up day, 30 residents participated. Volunteers removed over 5 tons of trash and 450 gallons of oil from the watershed.
- ✓ Created environmental education curricula binders for the Topanga Elementary Schools' K-5th grades. The educational program reached approximately 1,000 students.
- ✓ Developed an *Arundo Donax* eradication project for middle and high school students.
- ✓ Conducted hand-on watershed classes for 193 students in kindergarten through 12th grade.



*Topanga Creek,
Los Angeles County*

Performance Measure: Directly involve 250 residents in watershed education and restoration projects.

Objective 2: Provide technical assistance and community input into regional planning efforts.

- ✓ Worked with CA Department of Parks and Recreation to solicit input from public on design of newly acquired public parkland.
- ✓ Involved 50 community and agency participants in revision of Draft Topanga Creek Watershed Management Plan.
- ✓ Submitted 3 grant applications and 2 were funded. One grant will fund a study of Western Pond turtles in the watershed. The other grant will provide funding for Phase II of the Topanga Creek Watershed and Lagoon Feasibility Study. Both of the awarded grants are funded with Prop. 12 money and total \$361,000.

Performance Measure: The inclusion of the watershed boundary delineations, public concerns, and watershed level analysis of cumulative impacts requirements for development in the Los Angeles County planning documents at the regional planning level.

Surprise Valley Resource Conservation District

Surprise Valley Watershed

Amount Funded: \$82,800

Match Provided: \$29,900

Additional Funding Obtained: \$56,474



Benefits to the watershed

- *Established Surprise Valley's first functioning Watershed Group.*
- *Submitted six grant proposals for on-the-ground watershed improvement projects totaling \$241,886. Three were funded for a total of \$56,474.*
- *Expanded funding for noxious weed management from \$500 per year to \$50,000.*

Partnerships

Landowners and land managers, the USFS, BLM, CDF, the boy scouts, Vya Soil and Water Conservation District, Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation, Modoc County Ag. Department, CDFA, Lahontan Water Quality Control Board, Southern Oregon Goat Producers, Lake City Fire Department, UCCE, Modoc County Board of Supervisors, Surprise Collaborative and Integrated Weed Management Area, Modoc County Fire Safe Council, Surprise Valley Chapter Future Farmers of America.

Watershed Coordinator Objectives and Progress

Objective 1: Prepare watershed assessment for entire watershed.

- ✓ Located and consolidated existing baseline data, reports, plans and other documents pertaining to the condition of the watershed.
- ✓ Identified funding sources and obtained in-kind funding commitments from several partners for watershed research projects.
- ✓ Submitted 4 grant applications for watershed assessment related projects totaling \$173,950.

Performance Measure: Newly formed Surprise Valley Watershed Coordinated Resource Management and Planning Group (CRMP) takes leadership role in preparing an assessment in the watershed.



Boy Scouts preparing to map noxious weeds using GPS equipment

Objective 2: Develop a Surprise Valley CRMP group.

- ✓ Identified individuals, groups, and agencies that were interested in watershed improvement projects.
- ✓ Developed a database which is used to mail information to citizens throughout the watershed.
- ✓ Recruited and chaired the committee responsible for planning first CRMP meetings.
- ✓ Held five watershed group formation meetings throughout watershed.
- ✓ Formed a CRMP, which holds regular

monthly meetings.

- ✓ Includes more than 20 citizens and numerous agency representatives.
- ✓ CRMP identified and prioritized a list of 15 “resource issues of concern” and are now ready to begin implementing watershed improvement projects.

Performance Measure: Watershed group identifies and prioritizes a list of watershed improvement projects for the Surprise Valley watershed.

Objective 3: Obtain funding and staff to implement projects identified and planned by CRMP group.

- ✓ Researched and identified potential cash and in-kind contribution sources, as well as grant opportunities and other funding sources.
- ✓ Solicited cash and in-kind contributions from individuals, groups and organizations.
- ✓ Prepared and submitted six grant proposals for on-the-ground watershed improvement projects totaling \$241,886. Three were funded for a total of \$56,474.
- ✓ Approved grant funding authorizes the hiring of two temporary field workers to map and treat weeds in support of the Modoc County Weed Management Area’s Integrated Weed Management Plan.

Performance Measure: Projects and RCD staff positions funded to implement projects identified and planned by the Surprise Valley Watershed Group.

Objective 4: Support Weed Management Areas within the watershed.

- ✓ Assembled baseline maps and data on noxious weed infestations.
- ✓ Worked with cooperators and partners to develop a prioritized list of projects with emphasize on private landowners.
- ✓ Obtained noxious weed spraying equipment, trailer, and an ATV through donations and other funding sources.
- ✓ Treated 125 acres of private lands for noxious weeds.
- ✓ Distributed 500 educational pamphlets to local residents at the Modoc County Fair in August 2001.
- ✓ Implemented an aggressive survey and mapping program for Yellow Starthistle and Perennial Pepperweed on private lands within the watershed.
- ✓ Developed and distributed a newsletter that includes articles on managing noxious weeds.
- ✓ Mapped 18 new weed locations using the Boy Scouts.

Performance Measure: Increase in the level of funding and technical support traditionally contributed by Surprise Valley RCD to noxious weed mapping and abatement projects on private land in the Surprise Valley by 200%.

Tahoe Resource Conservation District

Lake Tahoe (Upper Truckee River portion) Watershed

Amount Funded: \$69,400

Match Provided: \$25,800

Additional Funding Obtained: \$1,939,791



Benefits to the Watershed

- *Received \$1,939,791 from the Bureau of Reclamation for an Upper Truckee River Watershed Assessment and several water quality improvement projects.*
- *Created a user-friendly bibliographic database that includes all maps, literature, and information available about the Upper Truckee River Watershed.*
- *Increased communication between agencies, organizations and agencies at work in the watershed.*

Partnerships

Dept. of Fish & Game, Tahoe Conservancy, USGS, Desert Research Institute, NRCS, City of South Lake Tahoe, LRWQCB, USFS, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, State Parks, League to Save Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, South Lake Tahoe High School, Lake Tahoe Environmental Education Coalition, Bureau of Reclamation, South Lake Tahoe Public Utilities District, and US EPA.

Watershed Coordinator Objectives and Progress

Objective 1: Establish Upper River Truckee River Coordinated Resource Management & Planning (CRMP) group to identify and prioritize watershed improvement projects.

- ✓ Held several small meetings with individual landowners, agency personnel, researchers and independent contractors to identify their watershed concerns. This led to the establishment of a CRMP group.
- ✓ Developed a list of five priority projects. Projects identified by the CRMP include: an Environmental Assessment, a geomorphology study, implementing Best Management Practices, completing an erosion control construction project, and creating an erosion control plant materials database.
- ✓ Submitted three grant proposals to obtain funding for all priority projects. The Bureau of Reclamation awarded a \$270,000 grant and a \$1.6 million grant that will provide funding for priority projects. DOC awarded \$20,035 to TRCD for implementation of erosion control BMPs on private lands.



The Watershed Coordinator facilitates an Angora Creek Stakeholders meeting

- ✓ Established website as an additional tool for CRMP members to communicate with each other and the public. (<http://www.geocities.com/utrcrmp>)

- ✓ Researched and generated a comprehensive watershed bibliography.

Performance Measure: Prioritize watershed improvement projects on the Upper Truckee River.

Objective 2: Improve water quality on the Upper Truckee River.

- ✓ Recruited six volunteers to conduct photo monitoring of the Upper Truckee River.
- ✓ Developed agreement with City of South Lake Tahoe to organize the city's Upper Truckee River water quality monitoring data and fieldwork.
- ✓ Worked with South Lake Tahoe High School to develop a watershed educational program that includes hands on water quality monitoring.
- ✓ Worked with NRCS staff to develop the Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE) for homes that have installed Best Management Practices (BMPs) vs. homes that have not installed BMPs.

Performance Measure: Evaluate the progress made toward achieving the objectives of the plan.

Objective 3: Pursue funding for erosion control, stream restoration and enhancement projects.

- ✓ Obtained \$270,000 to fund a Watershed Assessment on the airport reach of the Upper Truckee River.
- ✓ Received a \$1.6 million grant proposal to Bureau of Reclamation to fund multiple watershed improvement projects.
- ✓ Received \$20,035 from DOC to implement erosion control BMPs on private lands.
- ✓ Solicited funding for the development of a beaver management plan, a Tahoe Paradise Park erosion control project, and a South Lake Tahoe K-12 educational program.

Performance Measure: Seek funding to implement erosion control, stream restoration, and enhancement projects.



A snapshot volunteer, participating in photo monitoring of the Upper Truckee River.

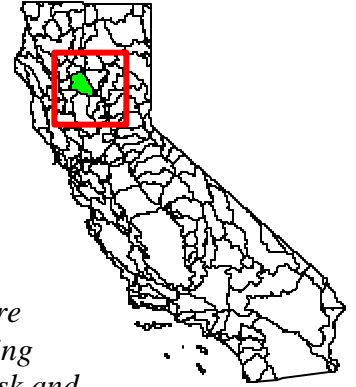
Tehama County Resource Conservation District

Sacramento-Lower Thomas Watershed

Amount Funded: \$66,800

Match Provided: \$26,700

Additional Funding Obtained: \$491,810



Benefits to the Watershed

- *Received a \$444,310 grant from SWRCB to fund landowner cost-share watershed improvement projects, continue the water quality monitoring program, provide landowners with education, and to remove Tamarisk and Arundo donax from Reeds and Red Bank Creeks.*
- *Successfully installed 4 new water quality monitoring gauges on Reed and Red Bank Creeks.*
- *Received a total of \$47,400 from BLM and Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy to conduct weed inventories on BLM and private lands.*

Partnerships

CSU Chico, CDF, Homeowners Association of Rancho Tehama, BLM, Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy, USDA NRCS, CDFA, Bureau of Reclamation, DWR, UCCE, Corning Irrigation District, Tehama County Flood Control, The Nature Conservancy, and the Cottonwood Creek Watershed Conservancy.

Watershed Coordinator Objectives and Progress

Objective 1: Work with partners to design watershed projects.

- ✓ The Watershed Coordinator worked with CSU Chico to develop the work plan for a watershed assessment.
- ✓ BLM, Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy, NRCS, CDFA and the Coordinator worked together to develop a weed inventory project that will include public and private lands.
- ✓ The Coordinator worked with multiple state and federal agencies to create a work plan for an Irrigation Mobile Lab.



Noxious and Invasive Weed Survey conducted by TCRCD for the BLM

Performance Measure: Successful development of three projects within the Tehama County RCD that support watershed health.

Objective 2: Obtain funding for watershed projects.

- ✓ The Coordinator submitted applications for each work plan established in objective 1.
- ✓ One \$444,310 application was submitted to the SWRCB for a 319(h) grant and was subsequently awarded. This grant will provide cost share money for landowners to implement watershed improvements on private land. The grant also includes money to continue the watershed monitoring program, provide landowners with conservation education, and remove Tamarisk and Arundo donax from Reeds and Red Bank Creeks.
- ✓ Two other grant applications were also submitted to obtain money for priority projects. These applications were not funded. However, the coordinator was able to obtain

\$47,500 from BLM and the Battle Creek Conservancy that will fund a weed inventory on private and public lands.

Performance Measure: Submission of at least three grant applications.

Objective 3: Work towards achieving RCD long term watershed improvement goals.

- ✓ The Coordinator continues to maintain communication between the RCD board and partners.
- ✓ The Coordinator researches potential projects, locations and willing landowners then presents findings to the RCD board for approval and feedback.
- ✓ Administrative duties such as monthly and quarterly reports to the Department are conducted by the Coordinator.

Performance Measure: Monthly coordinator reports and weekly written reports.

Objective 4: Remove *Arundo donax* and replace with native vegetation on Reeds and Red Bank Creeks.

- ✓ Funding for this objective was recently obtained through the BLM and the Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy. (\$47,500) Work pertaining to this objective will continue once the contracts are finalized.

Performance Measure: Landowner agreements and permits to work in the creeks.

Objective 5: Oversee watershed monitoring program.

- ✓ Funding to continue the watershed monitoring program was obtained through a 319(h) grant.
- ✓ Data is currently being obtained for the 2001-2002 season by RCD staff and volunteers.
- ✓ Volunteers are being organized to collect water samples and take readings from staff gauges and rain gauges.
- ✓ The Coordinator introduced monitoring equipment to 15 stakeholders at a recent stakeholder meeting. As a result, 3 new stakeholders volunteered to help with the monitoring. A volunteer training session is planned for December 2001.
- ✓ 4 new staff gauges were installed on Reed and Red Bank Creeks as part of the citizen monitoring program.

Performance Measure: 2 seasons of compiled data.



The installation of a staff gauge on Reeds Creek as part of the Citizen's Monitoring program